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Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
Special Assistant, Intelligence
Department of State
Room 1158, New State Building

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

There have been a number of recent inquiries to various officers in CIA regarding possible recruitment by this Agency of those personnel reduced in force by the Department of State as a result of impending reduced appropriations.

This Agency is very much concerned about the effects of these required cuts on the Departmental functions on which our intelligence system depends. We do not at this time have any suggestions as to how these functions may be preserved in the face of the limited appropriations, although upon the conclusion of the Department's action we may want to discuss with you how our past intelligence arrangements can be continued or adjusted.

We do feel that some action must be taken immediately to preserve for intelligence many of the well-trained and experienced officers on your staff who, in the reduction in force, may otherwise be required to seek employment outside of the field of intelligence.

Accordingly, this Agency proposes that you and your staff notify to CIA, through the Deputy Director (Administration), CIA, the names of those officers reduced in force whom you believe to have the present qualifications and potential for

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making a long-range contribution to national intelligence. This Agency will, after review of the files and records of these people, select those which it will take on its rolls and hold them in a pool, pending a determination by this Agency as to whether they should be hired here, with attending security investigations.

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

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